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RE: Illinois Central Railroad ("Carrier")

Canadian National Railroad ("Carrier")

Abandonment in Village of Heyworth, McLean County, Illinois

ICC Docket No. AB-43(Sub-No. 171X)

Dear Secretary:

This request is filed on behalf of the Village of Heyworth, McLean County, Illinois, which is a political subdivision of the State of Illinois, hereinafter referred to as "Proponent".

Proponent requests an additional period of 180 days in which to develop a proposal for interim trail use and railbanking pursuant to Section 8(d) of the National Trails Systems Act, 16 U.S.C., Sec. 1247(d).

Illinois Central and Canadian National Railroad Companies, as owners of the right-of-way, have indicated that they have no objection to a 180 day extension of time.

By my signature below, I certify service upon Illinois Central Railroad Company at the offices of Fletcher & Sippel, LLC, Two Prudential Plaza, Suite 3125, 180 North Stetson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601-6721, Attention Mr. Thomas Litwiler, and Canadian National Railroad at the Law Department of 455 N. Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, IL 60611-5317.

Respectfully Submitted:

**VILLAGE OF HEYWORTH** McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BY: SCHUERING & KERLEY P.C.

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One of Its Attorneys

**DPS** 

Illinois Central Railroad Company cc:

Canadian National Railroad Company

Mayor Gary A. Simpkins and Members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of

Heyworth

Kandy Goughnour, Village Clerk Deb Elderson, Village Treasurer